

I am deeply  
concerned about  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary just  
days before the 2004  
presidential  
election. Their  
action exemplifies a  
major problem  
related to allowing  
such a huge media  
consolidation to  
exist.

I feel that since  
Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, it has a  
clear obligation to  
serve all the public  
interests not just  
their own narrow  
agenda. When large  
companies control  
the airwaves we get  
more of what is good  
for their bottom  
line and less of  
what is good of our  
democracy.

Instead of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.  
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